test; practical test; a trial to find out what happens; *v.t.* to make an experiment. **-al** *a.* founded on or known by experiment; pertaining to experiment. **-alist** *n.* **-ally** *adv.* **-ation** *n.* **-tative** *a.* **-er, -ist** *n.* [L. *experiri*, to try].

ex-pert (ek-spurt') *a.* taught by use, practice, or experience; adroit; dexterous; skillful. (ex'-purt) *n.* an authority; a specialist. **-ly** *adv.* **-ness** *n.* [L. *expertus*, having tried].

ex-pi-ate (eks'-pi-āt) *v.t.* to make satisfaction or reparation for; to atone for; to make amends for. **expiable** *a.* **expiation** *n.* [L. *expiare*, to make amends for].

ex-pire (ek-spir') *v.t.* to breathe out; to emit; to exhale; *v.i.* to die; to die away; to come to an end. **expirant** *n.* one who is dying. **expiration** *n.* the exhalation of air from the lungs; end of a period of time; close; termination. **expiratory** *a.* **expiring** *a.* **expiry** *n.* conclusion [L. *ex*, out; *spirare*, to breathe].

ex-plain (eks-plān') *v.t.* to make plain, manifest, or intelligible; to account for; to elucidate; to define. **-able** *a.* **explanation** *n.* act or method of explaining, expounding, or interpreting; the meaning of or reason given for anything. **explanative, explanatory** *a.* serving to explain [L. *explanare*, to make smooth].

ex-ple-tive (eks'-pli-tiv) *a.* serving only to fill out a sentence, etc.; added for ornamentation only; *n.* a word inserted to fill up or to add force to a phrase; an exclamation; an oath [L. *expletivus*, filling out].

ex-pli-cate (eks'-pli-kāt) *v.t.* to unfold the meaning of; to explain; to interpret; to elucidate. **explicable** *a.* **explication** *n.* **explicative, explicatory** *a.* [L. *explicare*, to unfold].

ex-plic-it (iks-plis'-it) *a.* stated in detail; stated, not merely implied; unambiguous; clear; unequivocal. **-ly** *adv.* **-ness** *n.* [L. *explicitus*].

ex-plode (ik-splōd') *v.t.* to cause to blow up; to discredit; to expose (a theory, etc.); *v.i.* to burst with a loud report; to become furious with rage; to burst into unrestrained laughter. **-d** *a.* rejected; debunked. **explosion** *n.* the act of exploding; sudden release of gases, accompanied by noise and violence; a manifestation of rage. **explosive** *a.* liable to explode; *n.* a chemical intended to explode [L. *ex*, out; *plaudere*, to clap with the hands].

ex-ploit (eks-ploit') *n.* a brilliant feat; a heroic deed; remarkable action, often in a bad sense; *v.t.* to make the most of; to utilize for personal gain. **-able** *a.* **-age, -ation** *n.* **-er** *n.* [Fr.].

ex-plore (ik-splōr') *v.t.* to search through with the view of making discovery; to leave the beaten tracks; to investigate; to examine. **exploration** *n.* **exploratory** *a.* **-r** *n.* [L. *explorare*, to search out].

ex-plo-sive See **explode.**

ex-po-nent (ek-spō'-nant) *n.* one who expounds, demonstrates, or explains; a symbol in algebra, index number or quantity, written to the right of and above another to show how often the latter is to be multiplied by itself, e.g. $a^3=a\times a\times a$. [L. *ex*, out; *ponere*, to place].

ex-port (eks-pōrt') *v.t.* to send goods or produce out of a country. (ex'-port) *n.* act of exporting; that which is exported. **-able** *a.* **-ation** *n.* **-er** *n.* [L. *ex*, out; *portare*, to carry].

ex-pose (ik-spōz') *v.t.* to lay open; to leave unprotected; to exhibit; to disclose; to submit a photographic plate or film to the light. **exposé** (eks-pō-zā') *n.* an exposure or disclosure of discreditable facts. **exposition** *n.* act of exhibiting or expounding; exhibition; display; explanation. **expositor** *n.* **expository** *a.* **exposure** *n.* the act of exposing, laying bare, or disclosing shady or doubtful transactions; the state of being laid bare; aspect of a building relative to the cardinal points of the compass [L. *ex*, out, *ponere*, to place].

ex-pos-tu-late (ik-spās'-cha-lāt) *v.i.* to remonstrate with; to reason earnestly. **expostulation** *n.* **expostulative, expostulatory** *a.* [L. *expostulare*, to demand urgently].

ex-pound (ek-spound') *v.t.* to explain; to set forth; to interpret; [L. *exponere*].

ex-press (ik-spres') *v.t.* to make known one's opinions or feelings; to put into words; to represent by pictorial art; to designate; to press or squeeze out; to send by express; *a.* definitely stated; closely resembling; specially designed; explicit; clear; plain; speedy; *adv.* post-haste; by express messenger or train; specially; on purpose; *n.* a messenger sent on a special errand; a fast train making few stops en route; a message. **-ible** *a.* **-ion** *n.* act of expressing lively or vivid representation of meaning, sentiment, or feeling; the reflection of character or mood in the countenance; utterance; declaration; phrase; term; remark; aspect; look; (*Math.*) a quantity denoted by algebraic symbols. **-ionism** *n.* an antirealistic art theory that all art depends on the expression of the artist's creative self. **-ionist** *n.* **-ionless** *a.* **-ive** *a.* full of expression. **-ively** *adv.* **-iveness** *n.* **-ly** *adv.* plainly; explicitly; specially [L. *expressus*, squeezed out, clearly stated].

ex-pro-pri-ate (eks-prō'-pri-āt) *v.t.* to dispossess; to take out of the owner's hand. **expropriation** *n.* [L. *ex*, out; *proprius*, one's own].

ex-pul-sion (ik-spul'-shan) *n.* the act of expelling or casting out, ejection; banishment. **expulsive** *a.* [L. *expulsus*, driven out].

ex-punge (ik-spunj') *v.t.* to strike out; to erase; to obliterate; to cancel [L. *expungere*, to strike out].

ex-pur-gate (ek'-sper-gāt) *v.t.* to remove objectionable parts (from a book, etc.); to cleanse; to purify; to purge. **expurgation** *n.* **expurgator** *n.* [L. *expurgare*, to purge].

ex-qui-site (eks'-kwi-zit) *a.* of extreme beauty or delicacy; of surpassing excellence; extreme, as pleasure or pain. **-ly** [L. *exquisitus*, sought out].

ex-ser-vice (eks'-sur-vis) *a.* of or pertaining to one who has served in the armed forces.

ex-sic-cate (ek'-si-kāt) *v.t.* to dry up; to evaporate. **exsiccation** *n.* [L. *ex*, out; *siccus*, dry].

ex-tant (ik-stant', ek'-stant) *a.* still existing [L. *ex*, out; *stare*, to stand].

ex-tem-po-re (ik-stem'-pa-ri-) *a.* or *adv.* without previous study or meditation; offhand; on the spur of the moment. **extemporal, extemporaneous, extemporary** *a.* impromptu. **extemporization** *n.* act of speaking extempore. **extemporize** *v.i.* to speak extempore; to create music on the inspiration of the moment [L. *ex*, out of; *tempus, temporis*, time].

ex-tend (ik-stend') *v.t.* to prolong in a straight direction, as a line; to stretch out; to prolong in duration; to offer; to expand; to enlarge; to be continued in length or breadth; to stretch. **-ible, extensible, extensile** *a.* capable of being stretched, expanded, or enlarged. **extensibility** *n.* **extension** *n.* **extensional** *a.* **extensive** *a.* having wide extent; large; comprehensive; spacious. **extensively** *adv.* **extensiveness** *n.* **extensor** *n.* a muscle which straightens or extends a limb. **extent** *n.* space or degree to which a thing is extended; scope; a space; area; degree; volume; large expanse [L. *extendere*, to stretch out].

ex-ten-u-ate (ek-sten'-yoo-āt) *v.t.* to palliate as a crime; to mitigate; to make less blameworthy. **extenuating** *a.* **extenuation** *n.* [L. *ex*, out; *tenuare*, to make thin].

ex-te-ri-or (ek-stir'-i-er) *a.* outer; outward; external; coming from without; *n.* the outside; outer surface; outward appearance.

ex-ter-mi-nate (ek-stur'-ma-nāt) *v.t.* to root out; to destroy utterly. **extermination** *n.* **exterminator** *n.* [L. *ex*, out; *terminus*, boundary].

ex-ter-nal (ik-stur'-nal) *a.* not inherent; accidental; outward; exterior; superficial; objective; apparent; **-s** *n.pl.* outward appearances. **-ly** *adv.* [L. *externus*, outside].